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Samuel Holman



KNOW ye that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not
we ourselves; we are his people, and
the sheep of his pasture."

—Psalm 100:3.



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Spices For Easter

THE modernist says Christ was born no different from other men; that His death was no different, he was just a martyr to a cause. To him there was no virgin birth, no propitiatory death, and no resurrection. Christ lives on only in the influence of His teaching.

But we are fundamentalists. We believe in the miraculous birth, the only begotten Son of God, in His sacrificial death, and in His resurrection.

The first fundamentalists had a time to remember all that they should about their Lord. They were too smitten by and too occupied with the turn of events to remember what He had said to them.

The knowledge of Christ is a great privilege, but it is not enough. The disciples knew Him, had been with Him, had seen His works and heard His words, but they mourned while angels rolled the stone from the tomb.

Love for Christ is a power for loyalty, but that is not enough. The Marys loved Him. Were they not last at the cross and first at the tomb?

But though He had promised them and taught them of the schedule He must follow: suffering, death, burial, and resurrection; they, not like the Jews who remembered His words and had a Roman guard set at the tomb, forgot to remember. The men mourned and the women carried spices to the tomb, spices for the body. Spices on Easter Sunday morning! Death was gone in resurrection life.

We sit in the 20th row of the century theater viewing the scene of the past, wise in the knowledge of the outcome of the story. We could save them tears. We could tell them the spices for burial are useless. We see it all now. They saw only the appearance of the moment and mourned awhile until the new day brought new joy and hope anew. He lives!

Knowledge and faith were good, but not good enough. They must have the risen Christ to make them have a meaning. In spite of our knowledge of the record, we too can lose the vital glow of personal victory when faced with disappointment and the apparent thwarting of our plans in the failure of circumstances to develop as we had hoped.

All too often we prepare spices, ready to embalm our cherished experience with the Lord when we should be joyfully anticipating the fulfillment of His word.

The risen Christ is the basis of our hope, of our personal contact with heaven. We are saved by Him, not by a doctrine. We are blessed by Him, not by an attitude. We are healed by Him, not by an exercise of faith. These are the mechanics of our relationship, but it is He Who died for our sins, was raised for our justification, is glorified for our assurance, and is coming again for the consummation of our redemption.

Faith, hope, love, these three, and every other Christian virtue are left dangling to small purpose without the living, resurrected Christ to fulfill, to help, to commend, to reward.

"If Christ be not risen, your faith is vain" (1 Cor. 15:17).

Hallelujah! He is risen! —M.M.

The Easter Life

Sing aloud the glorious tidings—

"Christ is risen to-day!"

Far and wide the echoes answer,

"Death has lost its sway."

Sing till in the breeze the message

Sweeps around the earth—

Sing till clouds and hills and forests

Ring with holy mirth.

Christ is risen, death is conquered—

Tell it far and wide;

Sing aloud till all creation

Knows the Crucified.

Sing aloud the Easter message;

Live the message, too!

By His grace let Easter's triumph

Shew itself in you.

Let His power and wondrous glory

Fill your heart today;

Live an Easter life at Easter—

Live an Easter life always.

—Homera Hodgson.

Humility is that strange thing that the moment you think you have it you have lost it.

It Is Finished

Between two thieves, on either side
The Lord of Life was crucified;
Men marveled at the sight so rare,
And sitting down, they watched Him there

But none that saw could understand
Why darkness covered all the land
And none that heard the cry, "I thirst,"
Knew why the sinless one was cursed.

Nor understand these words so true
Forgive them, they know not what
they do

For God alone, and none beside,
Knew what was done when Jesus died.

But ever since that blood stained day
The eyes of men have turned that way;
And owned that life itself was lost,
Without the glory of that cross.

—Anonymous.

Holiness to the Lord

Exodus 28:36

"More holiness give me,
More strivings within;
More patience in sufferings,
More sorrow for sin,
More faith in my Saviour,
More sense of His care;
More joy in His service,
More purpose in prayer."

Our joys are our wings; our sorrows
are our spurs.

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ROMANS 8:28, 31, 32, 35-37—"And we know that all things work together or good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to His purpose. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Through Him we are more than conquerors. Someone has said that "more than conquerors" means that we not only have power to overcome the enemy and conquer his land, but that we have a margin of power left. However, this power is not greater because of quantity but is so for its quality and effectiveness. In fact, it is so condensed that it is invisible. Our purpose is not to take away anything from our adversaries, but to destroy the power of the devil over them, give them life and bring them into greater possessions, providing *lebenraum*, (room to live) for them.

We must realize that the "all things" include tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword. All this builds us up, increases our faith, and brings forth Christian character. Therein we find a Christian principle: "killed all the day long" and yet live, yes, develop more abundant life. Even as Christ died so we die to sin and self-interest and are enabled to face all, endure it and go through victoriously through Him who loved us.

We read in 2 Thessalonians 1:2-4, "Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are bound to thank God always for you brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure." "Grace and Peace" is a general salutation used by Paul, but it was not a superficial greeting on his side; he really meant it, for he knew that the people of God needed a goodly portion

More Than Conquerors Through Charity

by Pastor MAX FREIMARK

of it. Peter goes as far as to say "*Grace and peace be multiplied unto you.*"

To have faith grow and charity abound toward each other, together with patience in all persecutions and troubles, an abundant measure of the grace of God must be supplied and peace must be increased to lodge so permanently in our hearts that nothing can ruffle or upset us, but that we stand firm as God Himself under all circumstances. If we are willing to do God's will and be perfect as He is perfect He will lead us step by step and provide the needed grace.

Christ said "I give you power over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Again He says, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

To the shame of the church of God it must be said that only in a very small measure has it entered into that power of the Holy Ghost which makes its followers real witnesses in this world. Being a witness unto the Lord is not only to witness for Christ or to testify to the truth at certain occasions, but through the power of the Holy Ghost have Christ within at all times in such a measure that we really represent Him, being in His stead, so that people will recognize Christ in us when they observe us. "My Father and I will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him."

Being overanxious to save souls—if such a thing can be said in truth—we invent many methods, but have forgotten what really attracts them, and we certainly have not yet learned to put into practice the power which keeps them saved. "Except the Father draw them, they will not come," and except the Father continue to attract them, they will not stay. There is only one foundation and that is laid in and through Christ.

We covet the miracle-working endowments, that which can be manifested and seen. This is proper in accordance with the Scriptures. But we forget that the unseen things are eternal and that there is a better way and a greater power to build up the church and help the world as a whole. The body makes increase through the members unto the edifying of itself in love.

We learn from 1 Corinthians 13:8 that all our cherished gifts will finally come to nothing but that this most excellent weapon of charity will never fail. Paul tells us that he would not have us ignorant concerning spirituals (gifts, manifestations, men, things, experiences, laws, rules and regulations) and that there is this more excellent way: "The greatest of these is charity," not excepting faith and hope which must also remain with us.

We learn from 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 that this great and excellent power does not consist in *doing*, but, according to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 in enduring and suffering cheerfully insults, misunderstandings, reproaches, hardships, and heartaches; and paying back with unselfishness and kindness. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." This calls for a development of the fruit of the Spirit in longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness.

We are told that this charity means love. Yes, but it is a certain kind of love, not that which is generally thought of by us humans. It goes further than the golden rule for it constrains us to "bear with others more than we expect them to bear with us." If you will examine yourself as you examine others who vex you by their way of doing things you will find that your make-up is entirely different from theirs. Your characteristics, your views, your desires, your spirit, your education, surroundings, friends and activities are different. You bump into them and you are stepping on their toes continually; and yet they must bear with you. Endeavor to make yourself fit into this glorious multi-

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"IN the midst of life we are in death" How true indeed it is! Just a few short days ago we were listening to the eloquent words of our distinguished brother Charles S. Price, and now he is gone, gone into that great eternity into which every one of us must someday go, gone to stand in the presence of "the Lord of the whole earth," and give an account of the deeds done in the body. It hardly seems possible that his departure has taken place, that he is no longer with us, that his melodious voice has been stilled by death, and that we shall never again see his face until we too reach the glory, and stand with him, approved in the Master's sight.

The news of his home-going was a shock to us all. He was one of the ablest preachers of our day. I make this statement without hesitation and without apology. He might well have been characterized as "a master of assemblies." When the news came to me that he had gone, I instantly thought of the words that were spoken by David when apprised of the fact that Abner was dead, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

I am aware of the fact that man can be great only relatively. A great French preacher rose to deliver the funeral oration beside the bier of his departed monarch. A great assembly had gathered. The preacher stood in silence and looked into the faces of his auditors. He continued to stand in silence until the silence became painful, and groans began to come from the multitude before him. Then, in a dramatic manner, and with a voice that reached to every nook and corner of the great auditorium, he exclaimed, "Only God is great!" It is said that the impression was so marvelous that every person present got such a conception of the greatness of God as he had never had before. "Only God is great." That is indeed true in the absolute sense of the word. But a man can be relatively great, great when compared with other men. The angel Gabriel who announced to Zacharias that he was to become the father of the forerunner of Messiah, said concerning John, "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord" (Luke 1:15). If a man is "great in the sight of the Lord" he is really great. God's conception of greatness differs from man's conception, for He has said, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher

DR. CHARLES S. PRICE — AN APPRECIATION

by J. NARVER GORTNER

than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:9). Our conception of what true greatness is can only approach the divine ideal as we imbibe the spirit of Him who said, "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

Dr. Price was a minister for many years before he knew experimentally what conversion is. He was pastor of a church in Oakland that I have passed many times. He had at that time no knowledge whatsoever of the regenerating grace of God. He told me once that very frequently on a Sunday evening, while he was filling that pastorate, after having preached to his congregation, he donned a tuxedo suit, went over to San Francisco, and performed until midnight on the stage of a vaudeville theater. It is almost unbelievable, but he told me he had done it, and, not just once or twice, but quite frequently. He and Dr. Towner of San Jose were cronies, and they had often smoked together, and gone to lodge together; and when he heard that Dr. Towner had received the Baptism in the Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, and that he had invited Mrs. McPherson to hold some meetings in his church, he came over to San Jose to make investigation. He could hardly believe what he had heard. He wondered if it could be that Dr. Towner was losing his mind. He has often told the story as to how, under Sister McPherson's preaching, he got under conviction. God showed him he had never been saved, that he was a sinner, and that what he needed was an experience of the regenerating grace of God. One evening when Sister McPherson invited sinners to come to the altar and get saved, Dr. Price rose and started. Dr. Towner thought he had not understood the invitation. He laid his hand upon him, and said, "She is asking sinners to come." Dr. Price replied, "I am a sinner, and I am going." And he went, and God saved him. Afterwards he received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave him utterance. It was the beginning of a fruitful ministry.

Among the Pentecostal people, in every part of the United States, and among thousands of those who are still connected with the denominations, Dr. Price has been known. His death will be lamented by all who knew him. But we know that God is good, and that God is wise. He makes no mistakes. The fact that Dr. Price has been called away emphasizes again the truth that no man is indispensable. Dr. Price was a bit younger than I am. But God took him and left me. His ways are not our ways. God knew that he could get along without him here; otherwise He would not have taken him. Who, I wonder, will fill the place that has been vacated by our brother's home-going.

It was my privilege to be associated with him for a brief season in a never-to-be-forgotten camp meeting. He was the afternoon and evening speaker. I was the morning speaker. On one occasion I quoted several verses of my poem, "He'll Find Me Preaching Jesus When He Comes," and mentioned the circumstances under which I had written it. He said to me afterwards, "You told me something I did not know. I did not know you were the author of those verses. I have quoted them many, many times, and in almost every part of the country. They will from now on have a new meaning to me. I am glad to know that you wrote them."

It was at this camp meeting that I heard him relate an incident I shall never forget. He told us how, when he was in Jerusalem, at the time of his memorable trip to the Holy Land, he went one day to the Jewish synagogue and sat down among the Jewish worshippers. The rabbi noticed him, and came to him, and asked what he was doing there. He replied, "I came here to pray with you Jews. I am not a Jew, but I believe in the God of the Jews, and thought I would like to pray to Him today with you." The rabbi said, "If you are going to pray here, you will have to have a prayer shawl." "But I have none," said Dr. Price. "I will get you one," said the rabbi. And he brought Dr. Price a prayer shawl, and he put it on, and prayed with the Jews. When the service was over, he tarried behind

to speak to the rabbi. The rabbi asked him many questions, and finally said, "We Jews are looking for our Messiah. We believe that He is going to come soon. We are all expectant." Dr. Price said, "I am looking for Him too." "Looking for *our* Messiah?" "Yes," said Dr. Price, "I am looking for *your* Messiah; and when He comes He will stand upon this mountain, the Mount of Olives, and the mountain will be split, and half of it will remove toward the north and half of it toward the south." "How did you find that out?" inquired the rabbi. "I read it in your Bible," said Dr. Price. "And you believe *our* Bible?" "Yes, I believe *your* Bible." The rabbi was quite astonished. And then Dr. Price said, "And when He comes you will discover that *your* Messiah is *our* Jesus." The rabbi appeared to be stunned. He stood in silence for a moment, his eyes toward the ground. And then he looked up and said, "And if, when He comes, we find that our Messiah is your Jesus, what will He do with us?" And Dr. Price told us how he improved the opportunity, telling the story of how Joseph was sold by his brethren, and how he was made known to them upon the occasion of their second trip into Egypt, and of how he forgave them. The rabbi was told that Joseph was a type of our Lord who, at His second coming, when the Jews shall see the prints of the nails in his hands and in His feet, and accept Him as their Messiah, repenting of their sins, and of their great iniquity in rejecting and crucifying the Son of God, will forgive them, and take His place, as David's greater Son, upon the Davidic throne in Jerusalem, to reign over the nation, and over the nations.

Dr. Price related this incident as only he could relate it. Someone said to me at the time of Dr. Prince's recent campaign in Glad Tidings Temple, "He is a good story teller; isn't he?" That was because of his ability to transport his hearers in thought to the very place where the scenes depicted took place, and his ability to paint every detail in such vivid colors that it seemed to stand out upon the canvas of thought in a most arresting manner. It was a natural gift which he possessed in rare measure. And the natural gifts with which he had been endued were greatly stimulated by the inflow of divine power (Continued on page 14)

GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH

The coming of Jesus Christ into our world was the greatest event of all time. Someone has referred to it as the "Sunrise of history." Truly it was the beginning of a new epoch, and to it the Prophets and sages through the years had looked forward. Paul seems to summarize all advent prophecy in his word in Galatians 4:4 and 5, which reads: "But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

This text contains brief yet adequate interpretation of the essential doctrines of the Christian faith.

The Pre-existence of Christ

"When the fulness of time was come." Bethlehem was not the beginning. John in his opening words declares: "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." In the Gospels many are the references of the Lord Himself to His pre-existence. Said He on one occasion, "My Father hath sent Me."

In our Lord's prayer recorded in John 17 we have His words: "And now, O Father, glorify thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." God works by time and method. Design and time are in His dealings with nations and men. There is a sense in which His coming was both a climax and a consummation, "When the fulness of the time was come." Further we notice—

The Virgin Birth

Surely herein lies the death blow to modernism. "Made of a woman"—the

very language implies the possession of a higher nature. The one unchanging doctrine of the Bible is that Jesus, in His incarnate appearance among men, was "God's only begotten Son."

Redemption

The New Testament word for redemption signifies—to loose, to set free, by paying the price.

The Lord Jesus Christ placed Himself under the law, and in so doing fulfilled all the claims of the law in precept and penalty, paying the price of liberty by the shedding of His own precious blood.

Further in the text we have—

Adoption

"That we might receive the adoption of sons."

This means "the placing of a son." Just as regeneration is a physical metaphor, so is adoption a legal metaphor. It is Roman in origin, and unknown among the Jews. The word is used of a believer in Christ.

In the simplest language it means the taking of one son to become the son of another and given the same position as a rightful heir by birth, and with all its advantages. "But to as many as received Him, to them gave He authority to become the sons of God."

Lastly, embodied in this text is the

New Birth

The birth of the Royal Babe was by the operation of the Holy Spirit, so is the believer's birth also an operation of the same Spirit. Both mysterious, but each supernatural.—Howard Carter.

—Redemption Tidings.

My Friend

I have a Friend who never fails
When things go right or wrong;
A Friend on whom I can depend
Whene'er the night seems long.
His gentle touch dispels my fears,
His voice is sweet and calm;
His own dear hand which wipes my
tears,
Brings rest and healing balm.
And e'er the morning sunlight dawns
My spirit, thus renewed,
Breaks forth in praise to Christ my King,
My precious Friend and God.

—Edith B. Dean.

"A Better Likeness Soon"

Spurgeon received one day a copy of Andrew Bonar's Commentary on Leviticus. It so blessed him that he returned it, saying: "Dr. Bonar, please place here in your autograph and your photograph." The book was returned to him with the following note from the pen of Dr. Bonar:

"Dear Spurgeon, here is the book with my autograph and with my photograph. If you had been willing to wait a short season you could have had a better likeness, for I shall be like Him! I shall see Him as He is."—Wonderful World.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

L. W. SUTER, District Sunday School Representative

The Harvest

We have come face to face today with one of the greatest responsibilities that has ever faced us as Christian workers. We are living in an age where the thoughts of humanity have been turned away from the glorious truths of the gospel of Christ.

The United States has been declared to be the most lawless nation on the face of the earth. As I passed through Los Angeles on my way home from the National Sunday School convention in Springfield, I picked up one of the morning papers and was somewhat startled by an article on the front page. It stated that the previous day there had been 274 crimes committed in Los Angeles alone. Heading the list were 92 thefts, with a number of other crimes listed.

J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation recently said, "This country is in deadly peril. We can win the war and still lose freedom for all in America. A creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation. I am not easily shocked nor easily alarmed. But today, like thousands of others, I am most shocked and alarmed. The arrests of teen-age boys and girls are staggering, and some of the crimes youngsters commit are almost unspeakable."

He speaks again and says: "Crime among youth would be practically negligible if the young people attended Sunday School regularly during their formative years. Surely no one cognizant of the true crime situation in the United States could be blind to the importance of the activities of this institution in reducing materially the army of youthful offenders and delinquents."

It is seldom that the first crime is committed after 16 years of age and 90% of the crimes are committed by 16- to 24-year-old youths. Captain Mathewson of the San Francisco police said: "If we will hold our adolescents in Sunday School, we will empty our courts and fill our churches." We will not only fill our churches but in so do-

ing we shall help to fill heaven with these souls that shall live on forever and forever. I wonder if we are failing our Lord in the presentation of the gospel. It is easy for us to become more and more mechanical in our work for the Master. God help us not to do that, but may He somehow help us to have a vision constantly before us of the souls that are slipping into eternity without Christ every day. Statistics tell us that there are over one hundred thousand souls going into eternity every twenty-four hours. What are we doing to somehow fill the gap that they may not perish but live? I have been thinking of the scripture in Matthew 19:14, "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The disciples rebuked those that brought the children to Christ, possibly thinking within their hearts that Christ was far too busy with the weightier matters to take time out for these children. They didn't want folk to impose upon Him. We're glad that people can not impose upon Christ when they have a need in their souls. He came from heaven above for the express purpose of seeking and saving that which is lost. It may be only one sheep that has gone astray but that one sheep is worth far more in the eyes of the Lord Jesus Christ than all the world, its riches, honor or glory. He died for *that* sheep. God give us a vision or we shall surely perish.

But having just a vision alone will not get our work done. If we have only a vision we will become dreamers. We will build some of the greatest air castles that man has ever built, dreaming of what we are going to do some day when everything works out just right and our ship has come in, not taking into consideration what we know the Lord wants us to do. What we need today is a *burden* for the lost souls of humanity. Not just a spasmodic burden, if we may call it that, where we work for the Lord in spurts. We work for Him today, tomorrow *something else*

Subdistrict Sunday School conferences in charge of our District Sunday School Representative.

Capitol district

Roseville—March 24, 25

Redwood district

Eureka—March 31, April 1

Lake-Mendocino district

Ukiah—April 2, 3

Shasta district

Weed—April 14, 15

North San Joaquin district

Modesto—Kally at 6th and G Streets Tabernacle, April 21
Conference at Bethel Church, April 22, 23

Peninsula district

Palo Alto—April 28, 29

North Sacramento district

Oroville—May 8, 9

comes along that is more important, then we make another start but become weary under the press of the work and decide that we shall take it a little easier for awhile, thinking that perhaps a little later we will be able to do more. Neither should we go through the form of working for the Lord but may He place such a burden upon our hearts for lost souls that we shall even awaken in the hours of the night with our hearts crying out for their salvation. I agree that the work of soul winning is not child's play, Christ sweat as it were great drops of blood and died of a broken heart that we might be saved. As workers together for God it will mean working when we are too tired to work, praying and agonizing before the Lord when it seems that we can do so no longer, but, praise be unto the Lord, when we get home and lay our sheaves down at the Master's feet and He smiles upon us, we will gladly say it was worth it all.

Matthew tells us in the 9th chapter of his Gospel that "Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." If you will notice for a moment, Jesus was a very busy man, not with secular things but very busy going from city to city, village to village, teaching them the words of eternal life, preaching to them the glorious gospel of Christ. Yes, He healed every sickness and every disease that was brought to Him. I am sure that many times as He walked along

the road, as He taught them, as He preached to them, as He healed the sick, as He made the blind to see, as He touched the broken-hearted, He became very, very tired in body and wished for at least a few moments in which to rest. But the next verse tells us that after doing all this, "when He saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." A burning burden possessed Him as He realized that they were aimlessly drifting through life, not knowing where they were going, failing to realize that they were souls bound for eternity and that they needed a shepherd to lead. He told His disciples that the harvest was a large one; the grain was very heavy but it was being lost to the fowls of the air, and the wind was blowing it down as it became overripe because of just one thing: there were not enough laborers to harvest the crop.

May we recognize that we are a definite part of the kindness of God and that He is expecting us to take our place of responsibility as laborers and bring the harvest in. We have at our disposal one of the greatest reapers that has become known to mankind, the Sunday School. We receive 75% of our church members from the membership of the Sunday School. Many times we are able to get people to come to our Sunday School that we could never get to come to an evangelistic service and while they are there we have the privilege of teaching them the Word of God which takes root and begins to grow, ultimately bringing them to a saving knowledge of Christ.

A good goal for us to strive towards, as a district is, "Every School A Christ Anointed School." Let's pray for our pastors, superintendents, teachers, and other workers that it shall be so.

L. W. SUTER.

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If you cannot win in the Sunday School race, make the worker ahead of you break the record.—*Sunday School Digest*.

W.M.C. Groups

PLEASE NOTE: Relief clothing, either to Europe or to China is to be sent through Church World Service. Please hold bundles until further word is sent you and particulars appear in the next GLAD TIDINGS.

Foreign Missions

China

Brother and Sister James Baker, after arriving in Hong Kong on their way to their appointed work in China, wrote back an account of their trip and their first views upon their return to China. They were both born over there, but have been in this country a long time getting their education, and have now returned as missionaries themselves. The letter, written to Brother and Sister Ford, got into the hands of the editor; so here are parts of it:

"There were about 280 missionaries on our ship; so our trip did not lack for pleasant and stimulating fellowship. The water, for the most part was comparatively calm . . . two of the days, though, were rather exciting. We passed through part of the storm that did damage in Honolulu, and what it did to our little barrel of a ship we will never forget. We crept along the passageways using both hands to steady ourselves and at night we actually grew tired of trying to hold ourselves in bed. The boat lurched this way and that so that one was not safe unless he was holding onto something firm. There were many accidents, and eighteen were hospitalized. One missionary broke her leg, her arm, and her nose in one fall. Others broke limbs, too, and there were many severe cuts and gashes. A priest who thought he wanted to take a look at the house-high waves lost his footing and was nearly washed overboard. Passengers fell backwards in their chairs while playing games in the lounge, and in the dining room the chairs were dispensed with. Of course all the dishes would go sailing off the tables with a terrific crash, food and all; and the poor stewards had a time cleaning it all up. To add to all the excitement, a Hindu died for no apparent cause; two men, a Chinese and a Hindu, completely lost their minds; and two other Chinese tried to jump overboard after losing all their money at gambling.

"Hong Kong is a place of contrasts between the East and the West. As we came into the harbor we were surrounded by junks and sampans full of beggars, but not far away a glistening white British seaplane slipped out of the sky and into the water with perfect ease. While other planes were zooming

around overhead the beggars were shouting and yelling, holding up their long baskets for money and diving in the water for coins. We came to the Parks' home on a clean, wide, paved thoroughfare traveled by pedestrians, rickshas, bicycles, jeeps, trucks, and automobiles alike. But two blocks down is the dirtiest, narrowest, smelliest Chinese street you could find. The Parks have certainly been kind to us, doing all they possibly can to make us comfortable. . . . They have a small place and we have really crowded them, but they grin and bear it.

"We've just passed Chinese New Year holidays, and what a popping, banging time they had here. For two days and nights straight, and I mean all night too, there was a constant racket of firecrackers going off. The market streets were decked with flowers and all kinds of candies and pastries to celebrate the occasion. The streets were jammed with people showing off their new clothes or their new hair-dos, or just eating, laughing, and shooting firecrackers. . . . The little corner *restaurants* are stalls set right in the street selling a lot of weird-looking concoctions. They say some of them aren't half bad, though. You know, they hang up the dried insides of various kinds of beasts and fowl to advertise their menus. All during the holidays the children traipsed around the streets in groups doing what looked to me like miniature war dances to the beat of a drum and stopping at doors for gifts. The leader would always be wearing a huge, ugly devil-mask and a train borne by a midget follower. They were supposed to bring luck to the homes and stores where they stopped.

"Right here on the block there is a 'funny book' library. The little boys come, pay a few cents to the 'librarian,' also a little boy, and are allowed to squat on the sidewalk and look at as many illustrated story books as he has paid for. On down the street are several families who have made their homes on the sidewalk, for lack of a better place. They eat and sleep right there, and, of course, are never warm. None of the houses are heated here. We all go around in several sweaters and a couple of pair of socks on our feet.

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Passion for Souls

by THE SUPERINTENDENT

Seized by an impelling passion, Joan of Arc presented herself to the commander of the French army when all seemed lost. "Let me lead the troops," cried this girl of seventeen. "But they will not follow you," said the great soldier. "I will not look back to see if any be following me," came the courageous answer. Placing herself at the head of the army, waving her banner, and, looking not back but forward, she drove the enemies from France.

Patrick Henry, swayed by a passion stronger than his desire for life, uttered those burning words that will never be forgotten so long as there is an America, "Give me liberty or give me death."

There is a cause infinitely greater and a passion infinitely stronger than has ever been glorified on the pages of secular history. It is the cause of eternal salvation for a prodigal world. It is the passion that brought our Lord from the ivory palaces and the pure worship of angels to suffer rejection, opposition, and finally to become a curse upon the accursed tree.

Our adorable Lord, having poured out His life for sinners, arose on the third day and began anew His quest for souls. The shameful cross was not the end of Jesus, but the end of sin for all who would believe in the Christ that died for them and rose again. His scattered, frustrated disciples were gathered and organized into a great spiritual offensive. The evangelistic crusade was to begin at Jerusalem and spread to the uttermost part of the world. The strategy called for a baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. The power of the Holy Spirit was to come on them and abide in them forever. "When you go with the gospel," said the Man with the nail-scarred hands, "I will go with you even to the end of the age." Oh, this is truly wonderful. No wonder they set Jerusalem and the pagan world on fire.

There is something beautiful and challenging about the post-Calvary, post-Olivet, post-Pentecost ministry of our precious Lord Jesus. He led Philip to the long bypassed Samaritans and confirmed His gospel with signs following. Then definitely and possibly with some misgivings Philip was led to his next open door in the chariot of a hungry-hearted Ethiopian on the dusty road-way. It is precious to contemplate that our Lord in the days of His flesh must needs go through Samaria to preach to a sinful woman by the well. Here again we observe that the exalted Christ was cognizant of the spiritual hunger in the heart of this lonely desert traveler, and stationed His anointed preacher exactly in the right place at the right time to effectually meet his need.

In the tenth chapter of Acts we read the thrilling account of how the Lord of glory sought to expedite the program of world missions, which even the leaders at Jerusalem seemed slow to grasp. He dispatched an angel with a message recommending Evangelist Peter to a Gentile audience. He then labored with Peter on the housetop to free him from clinging Jewish conventions. Having brought the anointed preacher and a hungry people together, He then baptized the whole company with the Holy Spirit while Peter was getting squared off to preach.

While we are considering the wonderful fact that the glorified Son of Man and Son of God actually and definitely participates in the work of evangelism, I would remind my readers that it was the glorified Jesus Who conquered the intrepid Saul single handedly on the Damascus road, fired him with His own passion, and made him the apostle to the Gentiles. What a change! Hunger and cold, mobs and jails, intrigue and brutality—nothing could separate him from the love of God in Christ Jesus, or assuage his passion to preach the saving gospel to those for whom his Saviour Lord had poured out the last full measure of devotion. To this master builder salvation and the work of salvation was everything. "This one thing I do." Looking back upon the fading glories of a dying age and remembering the losses he had suffered, he exclaimed, "I count them but refuse." Contemplating his own brethren after the flesh from whose mistaken zeal he had suffered so severely, he penned for us one of the choice gems of literature and inadvertently gave to the world one of its most outstanding examples of selfless love, "I could wish myself accursed from Christ for my brethren."

If any are still searching for the reason for Paul's greatness, let them ponder well the outbursts of his great heart. There was nothing fishy or in between in his personality or in his approach. Paul was wholly devoted to Christ and to the vision Christ gave him. He fully believed that all men without Christ were without hope. There was no pussy-footing. We cannot discern the least trace of ambiguity in his message. Whether he preached to a horrified jailer or a dignified king, his burden and his message were ever the same. The church has suffered and is suffering for the want of such red-blooded, Christ-centered leadership.

It was this passion for souls that led Livingstone into the jungles of Africa.

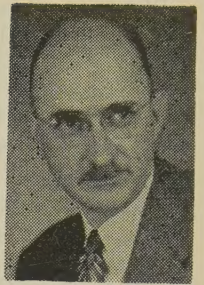
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Remember . . .

1947 CAMP MEETING

June 24 to July 4

(Detailed announcements will be in the next GLAD TIDINGS.)



Dr. Charles S. Price

by R. J. THURMOND

"A giant has fallen," was an expression used by someone at the funeral of Dr. Price in the Church of the Recessional in Forest Lawn cemetery in Glendale, California, on Tuesday, March 11, 1947. This phrase was aptly used in the sense meant, for a leader in Pentecost has been taken from our midst. Where is there one equal in ability and Holy Ghost ministry to stand in the forefront of the battle today with a challenge to ministers and others in all walks of life with the message of the gospel of the Lord Jesus? One would think that with years of fruitful ministry ahead he was needed here, but the Master called him home to Himself.

We, of this District, had been looking forward expectantly to having Dr. Price as our camp meeting speaker in June, but surely in the midst of life we are in the midst of death. He was stricken with a heart attack and on the third day following he passed away. The news brought grief to our hearts, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. We bow in humble submission to the will of God and realize it was a home-going to be with the One he so dearly loved and faithfully served.

Dr. Price started his Pentecostal ministry in Lodi in 1921. Some of us were privileged to be in his meetings and to be associated with him then. It was from there he started out into what has been a worldwide ministry which has been so signally blessed of God in the salvation, healing, and baptism of the Holy Ghost for multiplied thousands.

The funeral service was attended by a throng of ministers and friends and was conducted with several taking part. Brother Willard Peirce of Toronto, Canada, gave a Scripture reading and then spoke of the great campaign Dr. Price had in Canada and of their associations. He also told of his visit with

him the day before his death when he seemed to speak as a seer and as being in the very presence of the Lord.

Rev. Aubrey Lee led in prayer and spoke of a recent Sunday service in his church when Dr. Price preached on the theme dearest to his heart—"Jesus."

Rev. Rusthoi, of Angelus Temple, remarked that Dr. Price "walked with God and was not for God took him, but he had this testimony before his departure that he pleased God."

Rev. Claire Brittan's text was from Ecclesiastes 12—"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth . . . or ever the silver cord be broken, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern." He commented also on "Say to the righteous it shall be well with him," for "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." He likened Dr. Price to Joseph who had been sent on before. All leaders must go before. God's call and His endowments are sufficient. Dr. Brittan told of his association with Brother Price and of their trip together to Palestine where they peered down into Jacob's well and where they stood outside the Eastern Gate watching for the sunrise. There will be a grand meeting just inside the Eastern Gate when Jesus comes again.

Brother A. A. Wilson of Kansas City, Missouri, visiting in Los Angeles at the time, closed the service with comments on a portion of Hebrews 11—"We desire a better country . . . God hath prepared for us a city." Surely there is a better place which God hath prepared for those that love Him, and Jesus promised, "If I go, I will come again and receive you unto myself."

Our hearts were indeed warmed and it was more like a coronation day than a funeral as the audience inside the chapel sang twice at the close of the service the chorus of the gospel song,

Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

April 7—Fortuna, Oakland (Bethany), Portola, Stockton
14—Newark, Weed, Woodland
21—St. Helena
28—Livingston, Oroville, Soledad
May 5—Fruitland, Oakland (First), Tracy, Westwood

"Home Sweet Home." The service was interspersed with several vocal numbers. The body was laid to rest in the mausoleum at a private service with only the family present.

I shall always cherish the memory of attending the service and of the challenge given to our hearts to take up the warfare with renewed consecration, courage, and zeal to carry on in this great Pentecostal work that God has so signally blessed through the ministry of Dr. Price. New leaders are needed. There is still much work to be done. God still endues with the power of the Holy Ghost, and as has often been stated, "It yet remains to be seen what God can do with one wholly yielded to Him."

There is but one easy place in this world, and that is the grave.

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Faith is the vision of the heart. It sees God in the dark as in the day.

Sermons in Song

Our National Assemblies of God radio program can be heard in our district on Sundays as follows:

KMJ Fresno,	580 kc.	9:45 a.m.
KWBR Oakland,	1310 kc.	8:15 a.m.
KXOM Sacramento,	1490 kc.	5:00 p.m.

Tune in and enjoy it; then pitch in and support it.

Send contributions and applications for membership in "SERMON IN SONG" Fellowship to Assemblies of God Radio Hour, P.O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

BENICIA—Pastor Carl R. Tucker of Fairfield and Pastor Charles J. Coffey of Watsonville were the afternoon and evening speakers respectively at the North Bay fellowship meeting held in Benicia on March 17. It was a day of blessing and good fellowship. Joseph A. Garland was the host pastor.

BOYES SPRINGS—Brother Charles Pepper has resigned as pastor to Vallejo to become pastor of the Chabot Terrace Assembly, where Brother Thomas Custock has been pastor since he started the work about four years ago. Brother Conrad is the new pastor in Boyes Springs.

CERES—Writes Pastor E. L. Stewart: "We just closed a three weeks revival with Brother and Sister Frederick Buyers of Seattle. The presence of the Lord was upon every service. There were 39 who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and a good number were saved. Our Sunday school attendance reached a new peak of 400. We are crowded out most every Sunday morning and night." On March 9 they started a campaign with Evangelist Helvey of Dallas, Texas.

COLUSA—Nine were recently baptized in water and more are to be baptized soon. The attendance at Sunday school and church continues to grow. Brother A. B. Cox is starting a revival campaign with Pastor Floyd R. Hoole on Easter Sunday.

CORNING—Brother William Savidge is the new pastor of the assembly, having begun his ministry there early in March.

EL CERRITO — Evangelists Smith and Rogers begin a campaign for Pastor Leonard H. Rogers on Easter Sunday. Evangelist Arthur Otteson held special services there recently.

ELKO, NEVADA—Reporting on the campaign Evangelist Joe Calabrese of Kansas City, Missouri, held there from February 9 to 23. Pastor B. L. Tewell writes: "One man was saved and his wife received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The entire assembly was helped by our brother's ministry."

ESCALON—Reporting further on the Sunday school teachers' institute which Brother William Pickthorn held in Escalon in February, Pastor A. Byron League writes: "It was the best meeting of its kind that I have ever been privileged to attend. . . . There were 19 Sunday schools that sent representatives, some coming for quite a distance. We heartily recommend Brother Pickthorn to any Sunday school that needs help and inspiration for its teachers and officers."

FAIRFIELD—During the campaign Brother and Sister H. J. Ketner held there in February, 12 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and about 27 knelt at the altar for salvation. The building program is still forging ahead. The pastor is Carl R. Tucker.

KLAMATH—Pastor N. R. Ingram reports having a very fine meeting with Evangelist Frank Horne of Hoopa. He writes: "Two were saved, several came to the altar, and the church was lifted up spiritually." The Sunday attendance has been doing some good growing recently.

News from . . .

Here and There

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LAKEPORT—The Lake and Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there on March 10. Pastor J. R. Edgar of Ukiah was the afternoon speaker. Brother M. P. Bohnet of Santa Rosa brought the evening message. There was a record attendance and the blessing and refreshing of the Lord was in both services. Brother S. S. Webster is the pastor.

LOVELOCK, NEVADA—Evangelist Jack Wien held a good three-weeks meeting for Pastor Vernon H. Ragsdale recently.

LOWER LAKE—Brother Don Morrow of Upper Lake held a very good campaign for 15 days for Sister Ella M. Beare. The Lord's blessing was upon the campaign throughout.

MARTINEZ — About the three-weeks meeting Evangelist H. J. Ketner closed early in March in Martinez, Pastor Otto Schmidt reports: "There were definite results. A number were saved, reclaimed, refilled, and about 14 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We are thanking God for a great increase in our Sunday school, too."

MODESTO (Bethel)—Evangelist Stanley P. McPherson held a very good campaign for Pastor Donald G. Weston from March 16 to 30. Brother McPherson has been in evangelistic work in the East and Middle West. Following the meeting in Modesto, he goes to Vancouver.

MODESTO (6th and G)—Writes Pastor E. L. Saxelid: "The Lord has been blessing here in a special way. Our attendance is steadily increasing. The Sunday school averaged 494 for the month. The high was 535. Brother A. B. Cox was with us for two weeks and the church was blessed by his ministry. There were 16 baptized in water and 15 members were added to the church roll."

MODESTO (South Modesto)—The South Modesto Assembly, where Brother Charles F. Parker is pastor, has been enjoying the evangelistic meetings the Fox Evangelistic Team of California have been holding there since March 2.

NAPA—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held March 14 at the Full Gospel Tabernacle whose pastor is A. J. Ruedger. Brother Ralph Cobb held two splendid missionary services there recently. Many people from other denominations attended these meetings. Another recent missionary speaker was Brother Martin Kvamme, a veteran missionary with 30 years of service in North China. Brother L. W. Suter, our Sunday School Representative, was guest speaker on March 9. A workers' conference, with the St. Helena church co-operating, is being planned for the near future.

OAKDALE — Evangelist Milburn Harris and son held a campaign there from February 20 to March 2, reports Pastor E. L. Spilman.

There were good crowds and several were saved. The Sunday school record was broken recently when the attendance reached the 100 mark.

OAKLAND (Calvary) — The Lummen Music Makers' campaign began on March 16 with Pastor V. Ernest Shores.

OAKLAND (Grace) — Easter Sunday marks the first anniversary of the new Grace Church building. The day is to be observed with special services, as well as an Easter pageant. Since occupying the new building the audiences have more than doubled. The Fox Party of Canada begin revival meetings April 27. Irving F. Ford is pastor.

PALO ALTO (E. Palo Alto Community Church)—Brother Gaston was guest speaker Sunday morning, March 16, upon the occasion of the dedication of the new annex, which has recently been completed. The pastor is Donald F. Lehmann.

PALO ALTO (Glad Tidings)—Brother Raymond Ton, from Southern California, who specializes in reaching children with the gospel, held meetings for Pastor R. J. Renfroe during the second week of March. The meetings were very successful, being well attended and with very good results.

QUINCY—Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens began special meetings on March 5 with Pastor M. M. York.

REDDING—Three were saved and a number were refreshed and encouraged in the way during the short campaign Brother and Sister William Savidge held for Pastor Robert T. Doherty recently.

RICHMOND—The assembly has been enjoying the special meetings Brother Richard Ruff, minister from Switzerland, has been holding since March with Pastor C. E. Persing.

ROSEVILLE — The meetings Evangelist Johnny McCullough began March 2, have been getting along so well that they were continued on for another week, and the Lord is still blessing. R. A. Wilson is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO—The Capitol district fellowship meeting (formerly known as the South Sacramento district) was held in Bethel Temple on March 10. Pastor Earl F. Davis of Stockton brought the afternoon message. Brother Gaston, our superintendent, and former pastor of Bethel, was the evening speaker. Among the special features in the evening service was special music by the Bethel Temple choir and orchestra. The pastor is Nelson E. Hinman.

SALIDA—Pastor Dan Robinson reports: "We have just closed a revival with Evangelist Philip (Chief) Tiger in which several souls came forward for salvation. Four received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The church in general was stirred to a greater

ision and determination to go forward for
od."

SAN JOSE (Upper Room — Evangelist
Valter M. Smith began a revival campaign
or Pastor Max Freimark on March 2.

SANTA CLARA—Brother William C.
chobert and wife have opened a new work
Santa Clara, holding their first meeting
March 2. The new church is meeting in a
odge hall and is known as the Church of
he Good Shepherd.

SANTA ROSA — The Boardman Sisters
worked with Pastor M. P. Bohnet in conduct-
ing children's services and Released-Time
Education classes in January and February.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO—The church
ecretary, Harold L. Davis, reports: "There
ave been two baptized with the Holy Ghost
nd nine new members added to the church
his year. We have purchased a lot and are
lanning to build a church soon. We are
xpecting great things for God. We covet
he prayers of God's people everywhere." Carl
E. Curtright is the pastor.

SUNNYVALE — Evangelist Christian
Hild held special meetings for Pastor C. O.
Wood March 19 to 23. Evangelists T. G.
Jackson and E. J. Holmes began a campaign
March 25 to go for two or three weeks or
longer.

UKIAH—Pastor J. R. Edgar and congrega-
tion are rejoicing in the blessings of the
Lord in their midst. He writes: "We are in
a special young people's revival just now
with Brother Adrian Benning. The meet-
ings started on National C.A. Day, and we
have had a real moving of the Holy Ghost in
our midst. Hallelujah!" Brother Suter will
hold a subdistrict Sunday school convention
there April 2 and 3.

VALLEJO—Pastor E. J. Cornwall's report
of the meeting Evangelist Johnny McCul-
lough held with him in February is of good
meetings with the blessing of the Lord upon
them: "God saved several, a dozen or more
I would say; revived others; healed sick bodies;
and in general blessed the entire church. I
can fully recommend him to any pastor."

VALLEJO (Chabot Terrace) — Brother
Charles Pepper, formerly pastor at Boyes
Springs, is the new pastor, succeeding Brother
Thomas J. Custock, who started that work
some four years ago and who now enters full
time service as the new District C.A. presi-
dent.

WATERFORD—The North San Joaquin
fellowship meeting was held there March 3
in the community hall. The afternoon speak-
er was Pastor E. L. Saxelid of Modesto. The
speaker for the evening service was Evan-
gelist Alexander Benjamin, who was then
holding a revival campaign there for Pastor
Mary E. Moore. Sister Moore reports that
souls were being saved and baptized in the
Holy Ghost as the meetings progressed. The
Waterford ladies served supper for the crowd
on fellowship meeting day. The local church
is undergoing remodeling at the present time.

WATSONVILLE—Sisters Helen Beasley
and Sally Bradley, both students at G.T.B.I.,
held special meetings for Pastor Charles Coffey
during a week of midterm vacation the first

week in March. The blessings of the Lord
were so on the meetings and the results such
that the meetings continued through a second
week, as the young ladies were granted
special leave from school. Evangelist Walter
Larson began a campaign there the third
week of March.

WEITCHPEC — Pastor Gertrude Riecke
reports: "Miss Mildred James of Arcata came
to be co-pastor in Weitchpec the first of Jan-
uary. The Lord has been blessing, especially
in our Sunday school."

WOODLAND—The splendid new build-
ing will be dedicated on April 14 when the
Capitol district fellowship meeting will be
held there. Superintendent W. T. Gaston
will be the evening speaker for the occasion.
Brother Ralph C. Cobb spoke there to a full
house March 9. Pastor Harold D. Byram is
recovering from an operation necessitated by
injury suffered in the construction of the
new church.

YUBA CITY—Evangelist and Mrs. Virgil
Warens began meetings with Pastor Fred
H. Reichert on March 18.

Personal Mention

Evangelist **CLYDE V. HUMMEL**
held a very successful campaign in Feb-
ruary for Brother V. T. ELDRIDGE,
who is now pastor of the assembly in
Burley, Idaho. On his way to Montana,
Brother Hummel stopped in Burley,
and as he walked along the street he
met Brother Eldridge though he did not
know he was there. They rejoiced in
the meeting and soon there was a good
evangelistic campaign under way with
the blessing of the Lord in the midst
saving souls.

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Several men and high school boys
were saved in the revival campaign
Evangelist C. F. FERGUSON held for
three weeks in March in Bayard, Ne-
braska. On Easter Sunday he begins
meetings with Brother and Sister Tay-
lor in Long Beach.

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Brother B. C. FINFROCK left
March 7 for the East and South to en-
gage in evangelistic work. They plan
to go as far south as Georgia, then to
Virginia and back through the northern
states next summer.

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Evangelists **KAY LEHTO** and **IDA
SUNDQUIST** recently closed a very
good campaign which ran for four weeks
on Staten Island, New York.

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Evangelist **FLORENCE CORYELL**
began meetings recently in Hot Springs,
Arkansas.

Wedding Bells

In a beautiful setting and ceremony
in Glad Tidings Temple, Miss Marjorie
Ann Brightwell of San Francisco be-
came the bride of Evangelist Arthur M.
Otteson, on Saturday evening, March
22. The former Miss Brightwell is a
graduate of Glad Tidings Bible Insti-
tute, class of '45, and her singing has
been enjoyed by the temple audience.
The young couple will continue on in
evangelistic work.

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New Arrival

On March 16 little Vernell Edith,
eight pounds, two ounces, came to join
the family circle of Pastor and Mrs.
Vernon Ragsdale of Lovelock, Nevada.
What birthday celebrations there will
be in that home! Vernell Edith arrived
on the birthday of her four-year old twin
sisters.

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Brother W. C. Robinson is now itin-
erating in the District in the interest of
his prospective work in the Philippines.
He is planning on going to the Philip-
pine Islands in September or October
to work with Brother Leland Johnson.
He will be taking care of the printing
work that is to be done there to spread
gospel literature. Brother Robinson is
not under missionary appointment, but
he is going with the approval of the
District brethren, and is one of our
brethren going to the field to help the
missionary cause along.

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Brother Richard C. Fulmer, pastor of
St. Helena, has been elected to be the
new C.A. sectional chairman of the
North Bay area, succeeding Brother
Thomas Custock, who is now the Dis-
trict President.

God washes the eyes by tears until
they can behold the invisible land where
tears shall come no more.

THE KENOSIS

(The Self-emptying of Christ)

by

FRANK M. BOYD

This is Reverend Boyd's latest book. It is a
good study for the thoughtful student of the
Word of God. Price30c

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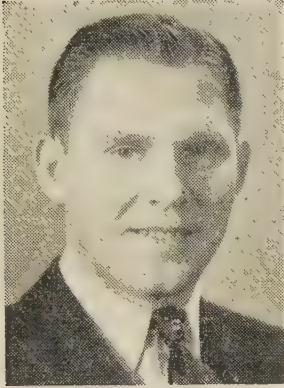
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Meet the New Officers



Thomas J. Custock was elected as our new District C.A. President at the convention held at Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco January 31. On April 1 he assumes the duties of the office to which he was elected.

After graduating from G.T.B.I. in 1938, Brother Custock engaged in Christian activities in his home church for a period of time, especially in C.A. work. Then, about four years ago, during the busy war days in Vallejo, his home town, he started the Chabot Gospel Church in Chabot Terrace, a new war housing section, and he has been its pastor ever since. The Lord's blessing was on the work from its beginning, scores of souls having been saved and many filled with the Holy Spirit. About sixteen months ago he started and organized the Vallejo Youth for Christ rallies, which have been most successful, the large downtown auditorium being packed out each Saturday night. He also has been sectional chairman of the North Bay district for some time, and the rallies have grown in interest, spirituality, and attendance.

Brother Custock is now launching into full-time C.A. work as District president and will be wanting and needing the co-operation of all C.A.'s in this great work among Pentecostal youth and in reaching more young people for Christ.



Brother Walter E. Larson has been one of our District ministers for a number of years. He has been in evangelistic work at various times in this district as well as elsewhere. He was pastor some years ago in Waterford and was pastor of the Assembly at 6th and G Streets in Modesto for a time until quite recently when he again entered the evangelistic field.

What to Do With the Bible

Know it in the head—Stow it in the heart, Show it in the life, Sow it in the World; Read it to the wise, Believe it to be safe, Practice it to be Holy!

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully, reverently. Dig it up, write it down, pray it in, live it out, pass it on!



Wesley Steelberg, well known among the young people of the District, was re-elected Secretary Treasurer.

Attention, C.A.'s!—Note Change

At our last C.A. Counsellors meeting it was decided, because of the financial outlay, to discontinue **THE AMBASSADOR** and to incorporate the same into the **GLAD TIDINGS**, which is the official organ of the District. This will eliminate divided interests between the small paper and the C.A. page we have been having in **GLAD TIDINGS**.

The District Officiary has graciously given our C.A.'s two full pages for our own. It is our desire to make it spiritual and youth-appealing, packed with youth-slanted topics, data, rally reports, local C.A. projects, and any other items of interest. This will take the full co-operation of all sectional chairmen and C.A. presidents.

We believe this forward step will be welcomed by all. Look for the next issue of **GLAD TIDINGS**.



The District C.A. Presidents at their recent convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Brother W. R. Steelberg, National C.A. Director is shown in center of front row.



The National C.A. Presidents' Conference

The national conference of District C.A. presidents held at Kansas City, Missouri, March 12 to 14 is now history. It was my happy privilege to attend this meeting, which proved to be most profitable to all of us. I received a bird's-eye view of the over-all picture of the Christ's Ambassadors' work as a whole. The contact and fellowship with other district leaders were of great value as we exchanged ideas and suggestions for a better youth program.

I will endeavor to give only a gist of what transpired during the three-day gathering. Much time was given to the Speed-the-Light program. It was recommended that radio be given first place for this year and that we help finance the Far Eastern Broadcasting Company in evangelizing Asia, Japan, and the islands of the sea by way of radio. Other radio projects were also recommended. It was also decided to continue purchasing modern vehicles and printing presses for our missionaries.

A closer tie of the districts with the national office and that we help finance the national office was also recommended.

Many other things were discussed, such as promoting the *C.A. Herald*, a better teen-age program, evangelism among youth, the Servicemen's Department, C.A. conventions, youth camps, and the All-for Christ Crusade in which our former president, Robert Carrington, is vitally interested. He has helped foster "Vocation Volunteers for Christ" of which you will hear more later.

I am confident that all in attendance at this inspiring youth leaders' conference went home on fire for God, purposing to do a greater work among the youth of our great land for His blessed kingdom.

THOMAS J. CUSTOCK.

"You cannot evolve a saint out of a sinner. You may make him a refined or cultured sinner, but that is all. Every seed produces according to its kind; and to change a man's development you must change his nature."

Missionary Bob Thomas Expresses Appreciation for Speed-the-Light Gift That Provides a Car

To the C.A.'s of Northern California and Nevada:

Greetings from your representatives in South America!

I am using this open letter as a means to convey to you our sincere gratitude for the Speed-the-Light offering we have just received from you. Only in heaven will we have words to fully express to you what this means to us and to our work here in the Argentine. Here are a few of the channels of service that your generous giving has opened to us.

For the full year that we have been here our work in the outlying sections of the province has been hindered for lack of transportation. We have three places where meetings have been held whenever we have been able to go, but the work has not been properly cared for. Now we are sure that these places will double in attendance as we will be able to give them regular visits. As soon as the Lord enables us we hope to equip the car with a public address system. With this we will be able to go about these surrounding towns and villages holding open air meetings. Sound cars are used extensively here for advertising, and they are a great attraction to the people. The Latin-Americans live out of doors as much as is possible and one can always find groups of them in the streets. We are looking forward to reaching these masses with the car we will soon get due to your generosity.

In addition to the above stated channels of service, we will also be able to realize the fulfillment of our plans for the city of Mendoza, where our central work is located. We have long felt the need of establishing several branch Sunday schools and meeting places in the various sections of the city. Because the majority of the people do not own cars they live pretty much in their own part of the city, and to reach them one must open a branch near them. Now we will have a means to take some of the folks from the central church to these branches to help us, to carry musical

instruments, and other uses to promote the work. The time saved in going from one place to another will enable us to have several meetings on Sunday, the all-important day here as at home in the States.

As the various parts of our program become co-ordinated and more workers become available, we hope to occupy several strategic cities to the north of the Republic. These are capitals of provinces. One can readily imagine the help your Speed-the-Light car will lend us in this work. It can be safely said that our possibilities of reaching and winning souls have been more than doubled because of the missionary vision of you young people. We know that following this vision has meant sacrificial giving on the part of many, but be assured it is not in vain. The result will be souls won, and on the glorious day when heaven reveals her secrets your part in winning these souls will be known. You have caused heaven to rejoice. Stars will be added to your crowns.

May God bless each and every one of you for your faithfulness to the Christ's Ambassador cause.

Your missionary-evangelists to South America. BOB AND MARGARET THOMAS.

Tithing Pays

Mr. Albert Hyde, one of the wealthy men of Wichita, Kansas, found himself \$100,000 in debt. He heard a sermon on tithing, went home, took his Bible and turned to Genesis 28:22. There he read how Jacob vowed "I will surely give God a tenth." He marked this, and knelt and prayed. That afternoon he met an old and retired physician who gave him a recipe, and told him that he could have it, that he might make some money if he made and sold it. So Mr. Hyde began to make what we are all familiar with, "Mentholatum," and he tithed his income. Shortly he found himself out of debt and a wealthy man.

Foreign Missions

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"It is encouraging to see the well attended Chinese churches. Since the war the people have become much more responsive, and the different meeting places are actually crowded out. But it is heartbreaking to see them so poor.

"It seems a long time since we left Oakland; yet those hectic days are still vivid. Far from being able to relax here, we are in the same situation over again. One day we make plans, and the next day we change them. Right at present we expect to leave Hong Kong by a river barge and be towed four days up the West River to a place called Wuchow. There we will transfer to a smaller boat and go several days up a branch river, through shallow, dangerous rapids (water two or three feet deep) to a town called Liuchow. That will place us about one-third of the way to Kunming. At Liuchow we look and pray that government or civilian trucks will be available to take us on. Due to Brother Osgood's tires being worn out, he can't help us. So we get along the best we can.

"Traveling on this barge is going to be some experience, for traveling on the same boat are 17 other missionaries. Out on the end of the barge is a dirty little room . . . with 16 narrow wooden bunks lined around the wall. Here we are supposed to live, 19 adults and five children. What a chance for the exercise of Christian grace! And what a chance to use DDT! One look at a dirty little hole called the kitchen, and Marjorie promptly lost her appetite. But it is a great adventure that we are looking forward to. Providing we continue to have good health, the unusual conditions will not hurt us."

West Africa

Brother and Sister Harold E. Rhodes write from Freetown, Sierra Leone:

"We are happy to say that things are going along pretty well for us and we are as busy as we can be in this climate.

"We had a lovely Christmas. The letters, cards, and gifts you sent us made it more enjoyable than we expected our first year away from America could be. We had dinner with the Kennedys and had a most enjoyable time. They live on a hill overlooking Freetown, and it is always cooler and much more pleas-

ant than down here. However, we can't complain too much of the heat because so far it hasn't been too unbearable. They tell us March is the real hot month. We shall know about it within a few weeks. (The letter was written the end of January.)

"Christmas in Freetown is a terrible time. It is celebrated by pagans as well as Christians and the manner of celebration is most disgusting. For two weeks before there were groups coming to the house wanting to carol for us. They were not church groups. Some came wearing masks and devil faces. We did not permit them to entertain us as all they wanted was a *dash*; that would be a tip in America. . . . All night Christmas Eve, there were crowds of drunken natives roaming the streets singing and carrying on. . . . This is certainly a land where the people literally worship the devil. The sad part of it is that they take on some of the ways of Christians and mix it with their pagan ways.

"We are thankful to say that just recently we have been able to get the lumber to finish the church and make the pews. It is all native lumber and very hard to work with. However, it will be very durable. Just this past week a shipment of putty arrived in town, the first in seven months. We hope to paint and decorate the church soon and will be glad when it is entirely finished. . . . We have the place all wired for electricity . . . as yet we are using kerosene lights, and it isn't too satisfactory. If we were in the 'bush' where there is no electricity we would think nothing of it. We know the Lord is able to move the hearts of the officials and perhaps we will have electricity soon.

"Our house boy, who has been raised a Mohammedan, has taken his stand for Christ. He has said he has left the Mohammedan religion. He is such a fine fellow and so conscientious about his work that we feel he will be a real asset to the Lord's work too. He wants to be baptized. We are going to have classes to instruct the candidates for baptism in the ways of Christian living. We are working with him every day teaching him more of the Christian way. . . . His real test will come when he sees his family and they start to wield their influence.

"We are progressing some with the

language, but it is slow. We wish we could be in the bush where we would hear nothing but Themme. Your letters are such a great boost for us; so please write."

Dr. Price

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at the time he received the baptism in the Spirit. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you." All receive power when they receive the baptism, but it must be conceded that some receive greater power than do others. Dr. Price appears to have received a double portion. And this power evidenced itself in various ways. Particularly in preaching and in praying for the sick. If all who have been converted and have received the baptism, and all who have been healed "of divers diseases" under his ministry, could be gathered together in one vast throng, it would be a vast assemblage indeed. Those who were converted under his ministry, and healed of sickness, are in all parts of the country, and of the world.

As Dr. Price's campaign was coming to a close in Seattle a number of years ago he wired for me to come, and continue the meetings, as many were seeking the baptism, and had not yet been filled. At his urgent solicitation I went; Pastor Offiler's daughter being at the point of death. I was there for three weeks, preaching each evening, and twice each Sunday, and a goodly number who had been stirred to seek the Lord under Dr. Price's ministry were filled while I was there. I found evidences on every hand that the ministry of our brother had indeed been in the power of the Holy Ghost.

A man has gone from us whom we shall greatly miss. We shall meet him again some day, for he has gone into the presence of the King, and the time will come when we too shall be called. May we be found ready! In the meantime let us, like our departed brother, "fight the good fight of faith." It will not be long. The end is not far off. And there is no reason that the end here should not be the beginning there, unless indeed we lamentably fail, so that we hear not at last the words which, God grant, every one of us may be

privileged to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

May we with patience run the race,

And win the prize at last,
Redeemed, triumphant through His grace,
Behold the Saviour's radiant face,
Beyond death's stormy blast!

Our brother, faithful to his trust,

Has entered into rest,
And with the spirits of the just,
Nor tried, nor tested, nor nonpluss'd,
Is with his Saviour bless'd.

Oh, courage, soul, still carry on,
And never idle be!

Thy days, like his, will soon be gone;
Thy robe thou then canst gladly don,—
Like him, thy Master see.

Let not thine heart seek gold or fame,
Earth's sordid pleasures scorn;
Let God thy spirit set aflame
With love, and in His holy name,
Live for that glorious morn.

Passion for Souls

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Years later, when his countrymen sought his return in order that they might lavish comforts and honors upon him in his declining days, it was this unearthly passion that led him to choose rather to pour out the last dregs of his life in darkest Africa.

It was this holy passion that caused Wesley to leave the marble cathedrals of the state church and go out into the fields where he could pour out his burdened soul to a starving populace.

It was this spiritual quality, utterly unknown by the natural man, that sent Whitefield through England and America preaching and weeping as he preached.

And so we might continue. But suffice to say this: there has never been a man or a movement that had power with God and with men that did not share this heavenly vision and this impelling passion. The way of fruitfulness is the way of the cross. The law of the kingdom is inexorable: "He that would save his life must abide alone."

"When I know the millions wait,
Cared for by so few,
Can I say that I do not know
What He'd have me do?

"When I know the time is short
Till He shall appear,
What should be my chief concern
While I tarry here?"

Conquerors

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colored pattern of life. "Fitly joined together and compacted."

It takes this charity to bring us out of our childish ways into perfection, into the full knowledge and understanding of God so that we can see things as they are, that is, "face to face." How often we are told that this "face to face" and "when that which is perfect is come" means when we get into heaven or when the Lord comes that we see Him face to face. Not so! We refuse to believe that "charity is the bond of perfectness." This is the greatest manifestation of power: taking joyfully the weaknesses of others which under other circumstances would offend us. Herein is also the greatest authority, it is the authority of God, for he only can exercise greatest authority who has the greatest charity. This charity has for its ingredients nothing but all the elements of pure love. It knows no fear. It does not suspect any wrong or harm from any source. Nothing can overcome nor defile it. It imparts to its possessor the realization that all things, men, devils, angels, and God work for his good and perfection, for it is perfection itself. It triumphs over death as reality does over a shadow. It promotes righteousness, truth, peace, and satisfaction. It cannot work evil to anybody. It belongs to the new creation. God has and is *all power*: "God is Love." Those who oppose God do themselves harm. His love goes out freely to the bad that they may recognize the better way, repent and learn to be good by having His love.

Those who hurt you need your love and help most. "*Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*" "*Love one another as I have loved you.*" And yet, how few people there are who are willing to give up their self-interest and go out of their way to do others a favor! "*Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him two.*" For the first mile he may do unto you as he pleases. During the second mile you will have the opportunity to show him your kindness and bring him salvation. Thus you can lay down your life for others and receive it back in more abundant measure, richer, fuller, sweeter. No man can hinder you in this process. Kill your enemy by

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The Presence of God

The old rugged cross, just hewn from a tree

Was ugly and bare to behold;
But once it was graced by God's own dear Son,

'Twas immediately turned to gold.

And so it has been with many a life
That was ugly and bare and bold;
Once graced by the presence of Jesus Christ,

They are changed to beauty untold.

—Donna Haines, Elkton, Oregon.

His Shepherding

For me He sought the mountains o'er,
The mountains vast and wild and lone.

For me He trod their rock-strewn ways
Far from His glory and His throne.

For me He wore the crown of thorn,
Was smitten, scourged and bruised for me.

By felon's cross He was upborne
On cold, shame-ridden Calvary.

For me He broke the bond of death,
And rose to life, a conquering King.
Oh, hallelujah, He doth reign,
I ever shall my glad praise ring!

—Jean L. Phillips.

Time Is

Too slow for those who wait,
Too swift for those who fear,
Too long for those who grieve,
But for those who love
Time is not.

giving him a chance to live and be your friend and brother.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God."
"By My Spirit, saith the Lord."

Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Morals Present a Sordid Picture

The first six months of 1946 saw more than 16,000 arrests made for rape, prostitution, and other sex offenses. An authoritative report revealed that we have about three million chronic excessive drinkers. Alcoholics are still treated mainly as criminal offenders rather than as medical and psychological problems. The rising divorce rate has reached the point where one in three marriages is being dissolved. The increase in broken homes in turn increases juvenile delinquency.

Crime Costs Burden Everyone

Our criminals cost each voter about \$320 a year, far more than we pay for education. At this writing, total crime figures for last year are not available, but for the first six months the FBI reported

- 3,161 murders,
- 23,550 robberies,
- 140,393 burglaries,
- 303,106 larcenies,
- 94,493 automobile thefts.

Crime was 14% higher than in 1945, but the most striking implications lay in the age groups of the principal offenders. The most frequent age arrested was 21. The outstanding increases in male offenders was 21 per cent in the 18-to-20-year-olds and 70 per cent in the 21-to-24-year-olds. The FBI fears the crime rate will rise.

Enemies Oppose Gideon Testament Distribution

The Gideons, an organization of Christian business men, is engaged in the national distribution of New Testaments (with Psalms and Proverbs added). This is an important work, designed to help the children.

Thirty thousand copies are to be distributed in Denver. Recent opposition has arisen, however, that endangers the distribution. A Denver attorney, Samuel D. Menin, has challenged the constitutionality of the proposed distribution. In his attack, he vilified the Scriptures,

saying many hard and unreasonable things about the Word of God. Isn't it too bad that some people are always ready to destroy a noble work? Our children need help—and yet there are those who are so blind in their own unbelief they can't see the glories and power of the matchless Bible. Pray for the Gideons—and their effort in Bible distribution. (*Christian Victory*).

Army Defense Plans Are Geared

The Army defense plans are geared to repel a specific stroke of lightning aggression.

"The attack will come over the North Pole," says Gen. George C. Kenney, Strategic Air Command chief.

"It will be made by both piloted and pilotless aircraft, by radio-controlled missiles, by rockets—all loaded with atomic bombs, superexplosives, superincendiaries, bacterial weapons.

"The result may be a casualty list of 25,000,000 men, women and children in the first 24 hours."

Communism in the U.S. Today

We quote from the *Christian Victory* the words of J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"The Objective of the Communist Party of the U.S. of America is the destruction of the American way of life.

"The Red scourge of Communism in America is boring its way through our land like a termite. Its power and influence are out of proportion to its membership.

"The Communist movement in America dates back to 1919. Its party, like a whirling dervish, has changed its name and its party lines whenever expedient.

"Last fall, the party launched an intensive training program for the 15,000 new party members, as well as for the older ones. In September and October, teachers were selected and given special training.

"Every Communist is taught the principles of organization, agitation, and propaganda.

"The world's foremost authority on Communism has already laid down the party line to American Communists: 'I think the moment is not far off when a revolutionary crisis will develop in America. And when a revolutionary crisis develops in America, that will be the beginning of the end of world capitalism as a whole. It is essential that the American Communist Party should be capable of meeting that historical moment fully prepared and of assuming the leadership of the impending class struggle in America.'

"If we are to preserve the American way of life, the menace of Communism must be met and its forward march halted."

Bible Circulation

More than a billion Bibles or portions of the Bible have been circulated since Gutenberg printed the first book in 1448. Some part of the Scriptures has been translated into 1,070 languages, making the gospel message available to 85% of the world's population. The task of making it available to the remaining 15% (or 300,000,000 people) remains to be done, however, and it is herculean inasmuch as these 300,000,000 speak about 1,000 different languages and dialects.

Submarines of the Future

Submarines in the atomic age will travel under water at the speed of 45 knots, and will be able to remain submerged for months at a time, with 100 men inside.

Gideon School Testaments

The Gideons, as of November 30, 1946, had already distributed 1,153,997 of the 40 million Testaments they have set out to give to the school children of America.

Franco Says World Is at Threshold of Another War

Franco told the Spanish people in December that the world is "in a situation of war which may be declared at any time" so long as "a materialist conception of life continues—while bad faith and hypocrisy are current coin and loyalty to agreements is a dead letter."

Half of the things we worry about never happen; the other half will happen anyway, so why worry?